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Institutionalization of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/64/L.27

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/64/L.27, on the institutionalization of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

2. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the Secretary-General's statement (A/C.5/64/11), under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/64/L.27, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources to finalize the institutionalization of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force without delay in order to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system.

3. The statement of the Secretary-General indicates that additional resources in the amount of $1,949,900 gross ($1,778,700 net) would be required in connection with the institutionalization of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force. The provision reflects the request for six new posts (1 D-2, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 GS (OL)) amounting to $1,088,400, as well as non-post resources of $690,300, including $1,000 for hospitality and $244,600 for official travel. The Committee is of the view that the resources requested for hospitality should be accommodated from within the overall level of resources provided in the proposed programme budget for the Department of Political Affairs. Furthermore, the Committee is also of the view that the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force should exercise a high degree of prudence in the use of resources related to official travel.

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4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/64/L.27, there would be a need for an additional appropriation in the amount of $1,949,900 gross ($1,778,700 net) under section 3, Political affairs ($1,409,600), section 28D, Office of Central Support Services ($369,100) and section 35, Staff assessment ($171,200), to be offset by the same amount under Income section I, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriation for the biennium.**